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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the aboveidentified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, change "equipment" to --

Equipment --;

line 20, change "causes" to 3-makes--.

Page 2, line 3, delete "not";